

THE BREACH WIDENING

LORD HARTINGTON'S LETTER DISAVOWING MR. GLADSTONE.

Desertions from the Liberal Banks—Desertions—Tories—all Uncertainty as to Which Way the Home Rule Cat will Jump—A Monstrous edition.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The publication of Lord Hartington's letter disavowing Mr. Gladstone's scheme of Home Rule for Ireland has greatly widened the breach in the Liberal party. There are plain indications of many desertions from the Liberal ranks at least on the Irish question, unless Mr. Gladstone's personal influence will now suffice to hold. The Tories are delighted and already proclaiming that a coalition with the Whigs is on the point of being consummated. If Lord Hartington's letter stood alone the Tory confidence would be premature, but it is now known that he voices the sentiments of many influential Whigs himself.

Before Lord Hartington's letter was sent, a cable message came from Dublin, it was shown to Mr. George J. Goschen, who was stated to be Chancellor of the exchequer in Gladstone's next cabinet, to ex-Hon. Secretary William Vernon Harcourt, prior to a Cabinet meeting, on the 18th of January. All these gentlemen approved the letter, and they are already counted by the Tories as recruits for the coalition. The approval of Sir William Vernon Harcourt has particularly strengthened the Whigs, who, however, generally made in cautious and guarded language, have seemed to commit him to Mr. Gladstone's scheme. It is now supposed that the notorious loathing of Gladstone by overcomes his habitual prudence, and induces him for once to make a move before using certain which way the war would jump.

The correspondent called upon the Right Hon. John Lowther, who was Lord Hartington's chief political adviser, who has been re-elected to the house of commons from Lincolnshire. Mr. Lowther was found to be particularly bushy with rage over the idea of granting Home Rule to Ireland, and to be a decided opponent of the measure, however decided to unbend himself as to the terms which he would be willing to grant if he had consulted the other leaders of his party.

At the same time, the Radical editor who sat in the last parliament, was interviewed and said he was prepared to conciliate in full the demands of the Parochialists, as he understood them. But he said, Ireland must bear her just proportion of the national debt, and that he did not wish to conciliate, but would conciliate such as the difficulty which lies in the way of giving Ireland a separate autonomy.

The leaders of the Separatists will present to the House of Commons a bill to give Ireland a separate autonomy, and to give a gigantic petition for the release of Editor Stead, of the Pall Mall Gazette, and Mrs. Rosetta Jarrett, from the prisons where they are serving three and six months, respectively, for abducting Miss Alice Armstrong, a girl of a mile and a half in length, containing 801 signatures, and will be sent to the House of Commons. The bill will have to stay in prison till January 19, and Mrs. Jarrett until April 19, 1866.

Forged Bank Notes.

DUBLIN, Dec. 23.—Forged bank notes of the denomination of £100 on one of the banks of this city, whose name at present cannot be given, were sent to the Bank of Ireland largely during several days past in this and other cities of the United Kingdom. This counterfeiter is almost an exact counterpart of the genuine and acute one who can detect the forged bank notes. His dexterities are more, however, and easier to detect than the plates from which the notes were printed or the cause of the perforation.

Honors to a Frenchman.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Light Gresham lectured before the Royal Geographical Society. The Marquis of Lorne presided. Among those present were Mr. W. L. Leitch, Mr. Phipps and wife, and C. Narine. The Marquis of Lorne and England was as proud of Gresham as if he had started from London. The lecture was enthusiastically received.

A Friend Captured.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A man named Harris, formerly a "cord ston'd" broker, doing business in this city, who did not from some time ago to escape the consequence of a number of trials, prepared by him, has been arrested in Spain, and will be brought here.

Prison Servitude.

CORK, Dec. 23.—The trial of Casey and Day for the murder of David J. Curran at Metamora, Nov. 18, 1863, has been concluded. Both prisoners were convicted and sentenced to ten years' prison servitude.

Death of an Well.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—M. Faure reports that he has carefully examined the four Novak patients and that they are doing well.

AN IMPROMPTU DUEL.

Fighting for Fonda—1st and Pocket Knives—Both Dead.

PETERSBURG, Va., Dec. 23.—News has been received here through a private source of an important fact, that a young fought man, Justice, the county seat of Northampton county, North Carolina, between Edwin Good and William Wheeler, two men who stand high in that county.

Some days ago Good, cattle got into Wheeler's yard, between one hundred and two hundred and pounds of fodder. Wheeler asked Good to pay him for his loss. Good refused, and this led to the difficulty. The encounter took place on a country road, where it is alleged Wheeler challenged Good to fight.

The weapons used were a pistol and pocket-knife. Both men showed great pluck and it was not until Good had received two bullet wounds from the pistol and a number of severe stab-wounds on each side of Good's knife that the encounter ended. Both men will die of their wounds, and it is reported that Good is already dead.

Olio & Mississippi.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.—A meeting of the holders of the Sprigfield division bonds of the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad Company was held here yesterday, a deputation from the company to communicate all questions relating to the bonds by the substitution of 5 per cent bonds secured by mortgages upon the main line. The proposition was unanimously rejected and meeting adjourned.

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